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This volume in the "Social Work Series" is an excellent illustration of the rapid growth in the development of scientific method and its application to the treatment of individual cases of social maladjustment. The picture that is presented is not that of the older "experience" which depended so largely upon the individual judgment and equipment of the worker; nor that of a general blanket method of dealing with all wife deserters. We have rather the picture of a growing knowledge of the causes of desertion, a growing appreciation of the complexity of many if not of all cases, and finally of the many resources upon which the modern worker can rely. We are shown how, after the rather looser charity of an earlier day, came a period of reliance upon legislation and court action followed by a realization that after all court action is a matter for last resort to be employed only after case work methods have been tried and have failed. Numerous concrete illustrations make the book interesting reading and add to its instructiveness.

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